

CITY OF TEMPE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS

Minutes

3/16/99

Commission Members Present: Michael Lins, Bernadette Croy, Kathleen Green, Manuel Delci, Laura Delci, John Horne III, Robert Barber, Karen Walters, David Coshow

Commission Members Absent/Excused: Rich Nolan, Howard Bell, Jody Sharpe, Carol Payant, Jack Lofgren, Sally Stewart, Steve Wise- Tempe Community Council.

Guests and Staff: Diane Kundrat- City of Tempe

The meeting was called to order at Pyle Adult Center by Mike Lins, Vice-Chair. Minutes of the 2/15/99 commission meeting were reviewed and accepted.

There was no speaker at this meeting.

Diane Kundrat, City of Tempe Staff, reported that she had investigated the concern raised at the 2/16/99 commission meeting that disabled parking signs located on the Pyle Center & Tempe Library parking lots did not meet the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) code standards for height. Ms. Kundrat reported that there appears to be some difference of interpretation between City of Tempe/State & Federal standards as to the point on the signs that the measurement is to be taken. She agreed to further investigate this apparent difference.

Karen Walters reported on the activities of the Recreational Services Subcommittee. There is no new business underway with the subcommittee. The City of Tempe is currently taking a survey of the recreational needs of disabled persons in the city.

Dave Coshow reported on the activities of the Mayor's Awards Subcommittee. The plans for the presentation event have been finalized. The subcommittee is still seeking additional nominations for awards.

Bernadette Croy reported on the activities of the Barrier Free Access Subcommittee. The subcommittee is in the process of identifying the management company that operates the parking lots for the 1st National Bank of Arizona and the Uptown Brewery located on Southern Avenue. A letter to the management company will be drafted outlining concerns with the parking for persons with disabilities. Kathleen Green is arranging a meeting with Barbara Keems of Rosita's Restaurant to discuss continuing concerns with items in the restrooms that do not appear to meet ADA standards. A meeting between Rich Nolan and Alan Thome, Owner/Manager, of the Shalimar Fountains Office Complex regarding parking lot concerns was cancelled. Mr. Nolan will follow up with a letter to Alan Thome requesting an action plan to address the issues. The report to the City of Tempe regarding an assessment of access for persons with disabilities to the facilities of the Rio Salado Project has been delayed in its delivery to the City. Rich Nolan has been invited to participate in the review of this report. Mike Lins reviewed the apparent ADA deficiencies associated with the parking area located at Mill & Southern Avenues in Tempe.

During Tickler File comments from commission members, Robert Barber asked for clarification of the process used by the Barrier Free Access Subcommittee to establish priorities for its projects. Kathleen Green responded that the subcommittee was currently reviewing its process on this point and has planned a meeting with the Phoenix Commission on Disability Concerns/Barrier Free Access Subcommittee to compare with their process. A further report on the subcommittee's process will be made at a later commission meeting.

There were no comments from the public. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: 
John F. Horne III, Commission Member

4/9/99